



City of Tucson



City Strategic Plan

neighborhoods



Neighborhoods Focus Area

Introduction:

Tucson is a livable community composed of many healthy and diverse neighborhoods. The City of Tucson can enhance the livability of the community through policies that relate to the human environment, the built environment, and the natural environment. As noted in Tucson's General Plan, "The greatest potential for achieving strong, healthy neighborhoods is through the combined efforts of neighborhood residents, City agencies, schools, and local businesses."



Strategic Policy Statements:

1. The Human Environment – Maintain and strengthen human connections within neighborhoods, encourage inclusive participation, foster safety, strengthen neighborhood leadership, and encourage a greater sense of community stewardship.
2. The Built Environment – Invest public funding and encourage private investment and public/private partnerships in Tucson's neighborhoods and enhance their appearance and livability.
3. The Natural Environment – Respect and preserve our natural environment.

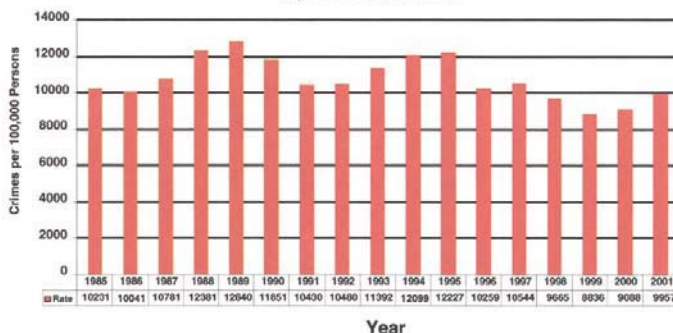
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and support through the Neighborhood Enhancement Teams. Other ongoing programs such as SABER (Slum Abatement and Blight Enforcement Response), the citywide infrastructure program "Back to Basics," graffiti abatement, neighborhood communication, and youth and family services will be brought under one roof. This reorganization includes additional existing staff assigned to DNR to re-evaluate core functions and improve information and service delivery systems to neighborhoods.

Crime Rate - Part I Crimes per 100,000 Persons

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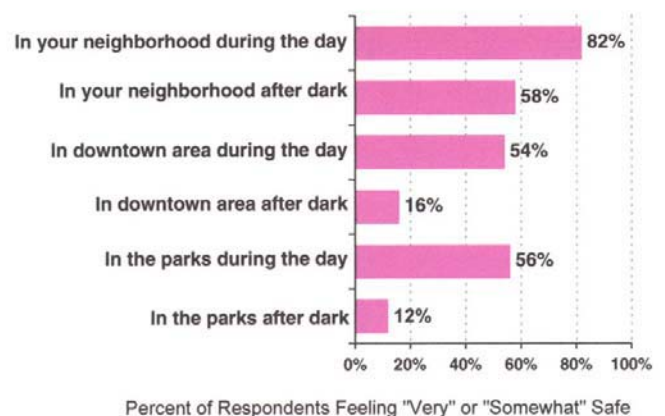


Priority Projects:

• **Human Services Process** – Continuing refinement of the process will involve analysis of the effectiveness of programs, gaps, and needs in services, and developing indicators to ensure accountability of the almost \$3.9 million in human services funding that is contracted out.

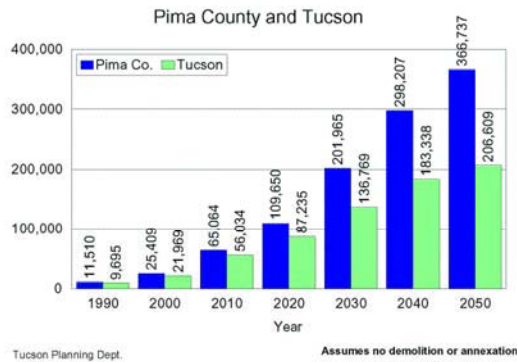
• **Integrated Neighborhood Service Delivery** – Creation of the Department of Neighborhood Resources incorporates many of the functions of the former Division of Citizen and Neighborhood Services (CNS) such as neighborhood registration, mailings,

Ratings of Safety in Various Areas
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• **Crime Control Through Coordinated Crime Intelligence Projects** – The Tucson Police Department is developing a series of projects using technology-based coordinated crime intelligence. This will make information on neighborhood-based crime and youth violence more readily available.

Housing 50 Years Old +



2. The Built Environment – Invest public funding and encourage private investment and public/private partnerships in Tucson’s neighborhoods and enhance their appearance and livability. The built environment includes physical items such as sidewalks, lighting, houses, and other private and public buildings.

Priority Projects:

• **Slum Abatement and Blight Enforcement Response (SABER)** – Continue work on the SABER project toward an incremental build-up of the consolidated code enforcement unit to remediate slum rental properties and make owners accountable. Forty-five properties are targeted for abatement during the next 18 months.

• **Community Character & Design Guidelines** – Bring forth design and development guidelines and standards for Mayor and Council consideration. A rehab code pertaining to owner-occupied dwellings will be presented for Mayor and Council consideration in 2002.

• **Back to Basics** – This well-received program has implemented 24 projects citywide since its inception. The neighborhood-based infrastructure installation will continue with additional projects and the development of improved guidelines and standards.

• **Transportation Improvement and Traffic Congestion Reduction Plan** – Implement deferred transportation maintenance that will improve pavement conditions on all neighborhood streets.

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Priority Projects:

• **Tucson Recycles** – Initiate this new program which will add weekly curbside recycling for residential customers. Recycling rates are projected to increase participation to approximately 80% and diversion of materials from the landfill to approximately 27%. Penetration of 100% of Tucson households can occur within 12 months of funding approval.

• **Broadway-Pantano Landfill Remediation** – The construction and operation of a groundwater treatment system at the Broadway State Superfund priority site assures safe drinking water, prevents the spread of contamination into clean portions of the Tucson aquifer, and achieves Federal and State mandated environmental restoration of this area.

• **Clearwater Renewable Resource Facility** – Begun in late 1996, the project will supply approximately 50% of Tucson Water's customers' needs by June 2003. The project provides a blend of recharged Colorado River water and groundwater to customers and enables Tucson Water to significantly reduce pumping of groundwater in the Tucson urban area. In turn, this will allow the water table beneath Tucson to recover over time.

• **City Trail System** - The proposed Parks Plan 2010 (July 2002) includes plans for connectivity of pedestrian pathways within the city. In 2002, a framework will begin to ensure connectivity of urban bikeways, pathways, washes, greenways, open space, and parks to enhance livability issues within the city.

Quality of Life Ratings (Tucson Only)

